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TOTAL CLAIMS	34	MINUS	21	= 13	X \$18	\$ 234
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	3	= 2	X \$86	\$ 172
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
AMENDMENT B

In response to the office action (Paper No. 5) mailed on January 5, 2004, which was a non-final rejection, the Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows. Additionally, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following arguments in support of traversal of the rejections of the claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may be otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this office action response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees or net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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